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Attorney Docket No: 15966-539 CIP (Cura-39 CIP)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S): Rothberg *et al.*  
SERIAL NO.: 09/614,505  
FILING DATE: July 11, 2000  
FOR: Method for Identifying a Biomolecule  
EXAMINER: Janell Taylor Cleveland  
ART UNIT: 1655

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Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114**

This is a request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Enclosed herein are the following:

- Amendment and Response (10 pgs.);
- Petition for Three Month Extension of Time (1 pg., in duplicate);
- Check No. 14309 in the amount of \$370.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e); and
- Return Postcard.

Pursuant to 35 USC §1.114, Applicants herein request continued examination of Application No. 09/614,505. Included with this request are the required elements of 1) a request; 2) a submission; and 3) a fee. The submission provided herein is an amendment and response. With such a timely filed request, submission, and fee, Applicants believe that the amendment should be entered and the finality of the Office Action, dated April 11, 2002, should be withdrawn.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-539 CIP (Cura-39 CIP).

Respectfully submitted,

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

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- Amendment and Response to Final Office Action (10 pages);
- Petition For Three Month Extension of Time (1 page);
- Check No. 14310 in the amount of \$260.00 for the remainder of the fee due under 37 CFR §1.17(a)(3); and
- Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or to credit any overpayment, to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311 Ref. No. 15966-539 CIP (Cura-39 CIP). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed herewith.

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